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***Required Fields**

Governance

1. How many times did the executive committee conduct governance business during 2020? ***2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2020? *****3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2020? (Check all that apply.) ***☒ Email☐ Teleconference☒ Zoom/Gotomeeting/Webex☐ ACS Network☐ Other**4. What percentage of your councilors participated in the Spring Special Meeting of Council (to hear nominees for President-Elect)? *****5. What percentage of your councilors were in official attendance at the Fall Virtual Council Meeting? ***

6. Did a member of your local section attend the Local Section Leaders Track at the 2020 ACS Leadership Institute? *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

7. Did your local section have a succession and/or leadership development plan during 2020? *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

8. How did your local section identify future leaders and get them into the leadership pipeline during 2020? (Check all that apply.) *

- ☐ Self-nomination
- ☐ Solicitation or Advertising
- ☒ Identify Active Committee Members
- ☒ Formal Leadership Training
- ☐ Long Term Plan
- ☒ Outreach to New Members
- ☐ Arm-twisting
- ☐ Other

9. Did your local section conduct an officer election during 2020? *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

How many members voted in your local section officer election in 2020?

405

10. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically during 2020? *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

If the response to above question is Yes, please list what tool you used to conduct elections

Association Voting

Questions 11-13 provide the opportunity for your section's leadership to communicate successes, challenges, goals, and progress towards meeting those goals. We want to hear from you! Please use the required comment boxes to share your thoughts about your section. In questions 12 and 13, do not feel limited by having spaces indicated for the top three goals. Other goals can be added in the comment box if needed.

11. 2020 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges: *

Activity: We held monthly dinner meetings in every month but March, July, and August. We maintained our Safety First Minute before each Dinner Meeting as well as published in The Chemical Bulletin. Hosted the Women in STEM Initiative. YCC and WCC combined to host three activities in conjunction with the St. Louis and Nashville sections as well as the Northwestern University's Women in Science and Engineering Research Initiative. Participation in Earth Week and National Chemistry Week. Successes: Challenges: CoVID-19 caused us to not be able to meet in-person from March onward. Awarded a new ACS Fellow in the section. Awarded an Outstanding Teacher Award, Distinguished Service Award,

12. 2021 Chair's goals for the Section

a . Please list first of top three goals

Continue the remaking of the Section Board Meetings and becoming more transparent to our board and membership

b . Please list second of top three goals

Increase activities to bridge the gap and open the doors to K-12 teachers & our diverse membership

c . Please list third of top three goals

Create / strengthen more partnerships in and outside the ACS community

d . What are your concerns and challenges?

As we strategically plan this year there will be many changes occurring in Board Meetings as well as in committee structure and function. In working with the chair of the Section I will continue with the desires of the Section to help remake it to be one that is appealing to young and old alike, those that are currently involved as well as those that are not. Currently the ACS is not getting its services out to many constituents about the value that it can have. Undergraduate students do not know what the ACS can do for them and companies seem to have stopped seeing value as well. We need to reach out to these constituents and find out what it is that they feel would bring value to them and then figure out how we can deliver that. Too often a chair will take over a committee and continue to run things as they have seen fit. I would like to energize committees by making them bigger and getting others involved in

helping out. Often people are willing to help out if they are asked. They fall to the wayside when there is nothing for them to do. There are many things to do – they just need to be asked.

13. 2021 Chair-Elect's goals for the Section

a . Please list first of top three goals

Enhanced communication and interaction with chemists in the Section, to improve services for members.

b . Please list second of top three goals

Explore options for collaborations or partnerships with other local sections and with international chapters to expand the Chicago Section's influence and impact.

c . Please list third of top three goals

Develop a program of content and activities for the 2022 Fall ACS Meeting in Chicago.

d . What are your concerns and challenges?

The Chicago Section is one of the most active and well respected in the ACS, and in recent years it has made excellent progress in communication with its membership; providing improved options, such as virtual technologies, for its monthly meetings; emphasizing its commitment to diversity and inclusiveness among its volunteers and leaders; recognizing the contributions of its members to the field of chemistry and to the ACS; and receiving ChemLuminary Awards from the ACS for its achievements. The Section should continue its work in these areas, with a particular focus on communications and interactions with chemists who work at local colleges and universities, elementary schools and high schools, and government and industrial laboratories, to learn more about how the Section can provide services our members and the public need. The Section can build on its new strategic plan to enhance its effectiveness, and the Section can continue to use the Chemical Bulletin, the Section web site and social media for communicating with its membership. In the coming years as we recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, the need for career advice and assistance among our members will be greater than it has been for many years. We will need to emphasize outreach activities such as National Chemistry Week, the Illinois State Fair, and Chemists Celebrate Earth Day to nurture growth in public interest and awareness of the benefits chemistry offers to humankind to meet global challenges. More than ever, chemistry, and indeed all science, is a global enterprise, and the Section should explore options for partnering with other local sections and with ACS International Chapters in areas of common interest. In August, 2022, the ACS National Meeting will once again return to Chicago. This meeting, with its theme of Sustainability in a Changing World, will provide an excellent opportunity for the Section to celebrate its achievements, illustrate the excitement of chemistry, and talk about the many contributions Chicago chemists have made to advance scientific knowledge and improve the lives of its citizens.

14. Does the Local Section have a Vision and/or Mission Statement? *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

15. What was the month and year of the last Local Section strategic planning session?

Organization

1. Did your local section have active coordinators for the following?

Activity	Coordinator Names
Awards	Mark C Cesa
Budget/Finance	Timothy W Marin
Career Assistance/Employment	Ann Rowley
Career Assistance/Employment	Barbara Elizabeth Moriarty
Career Assistance/Employment	Sunshine Silver
Chemistry Olympiad	Russell Kohnken
Chemistry Olympiad	Sherri Conn Rukes
Community Activities	Fran Karen Kravitz
Community Activities	Sherri Conn Rukes
Community Activities	Milton Levenberg
Educational	Aleksandra Baranczak
Educational	Bernard D Santarsiero
Educational	Russell Kohnken
Educational	Fran Karen Kravitz
Educational	Robert L Chapman
Environmental	Irene Cesa
Environmental Health and Safety	Irene Cesa
Government Affairs	Mark Kaiser
Industry Relations	Alissa Potts
Industry Relations	Bosky Parikh
Membership/Membership Retention	Rebecca L Sanders
Minority Affairs	Oluseye Onajole
Newsletter/Publications	Margaret E Schott
Newsletter/Publications	Josh W Kurutz
Newsletter/Publications	Margaret E Schott
Nominations	Tanya Ivushkina
Project SEED	Raelynn Miller
Project SEED	Julia Wiester
Public Relations	Russell W Johnson
Public Relations	Jason Romero

Public Relations	Oluseye Onajole
Senior Chemists	Kenneth Paul Fivizzani
Strategic Planning	Russell W Johnson
Strategic Planning	Milton Levenberg
Strategic Planning	Paul F Brandt
Strategic Planning	Susan Shih
Strategic Planning	Andrea B Twiss-Brooks
Strategic Planning	Timothy W Marin
Strategic Planning	Josh W Kurutz
Strategic Planning	Tanya Ivushkina
Strategic Planning	Kenneth Paul Fivizzani
Strategic Planning	Sherri Conn Rukes
Strategic Planning	Irene Cesa
Women Chemists	Katie Gesmundo
Younger Chemists	Jana Markley
Younger Chemists	Katie Gesmundo

2. How many subsections were active in your local section during 2020? *

12

3. How many subsection meetings were held by your local section during 2020? *

42

4. How many topical groups were active in your local section during 2020? *

0

5. How many topical group meetings were held in your local section during 2020? *

0

6. Did your local section support (financial or otherwise) an existing Technician Affiliate Group (TAG) during 2020? *

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

*A person who is not a member of the SOCIETY shall not become a member of any Local Section, but Local Sections may provide in their bylaws to have Local Section Affiliates, not members of the SOCIETY, who shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership in the Local Section, as provided in the Local Section bylaws, except that of holding an elective position of the Local Section, or voting on Articles of Incorporation and bylaws for the Local Section, or serving as a voting member of its Executive Committee or equivalent policymaking body, or voting for Councilor(s) or Alternate Councilor(s) from the Local Section. In their bylaws, Local Sections may either provide or withhold the privilege of voting by Local Section Affiliates for an elective position (other than Councilor or Alternate Councilor) of the Local Section. Local Section Affiliates may be appointed as Committee Chairs, if allowed by the bylaws of the Local Section.

7. How many dues-paying local section affiliates* were in your local section during 2020? *

8. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your local section during 2020? *

9. Please estimate the number of new volunteers in your local section during 2020? *

10. Please indicate all the ways that your local section recognized volunteers during 2020 (Check all that apply.) *



Awards



Certificates



Letter to Volunteer



Letter to Volunteer Supervisor



Recognition at an Event



Recognition in Newsletter



Recognition on Web



Other

Communication

1. How many local section meetings were held during 2020? *

10

2. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting during 2020? *

70

3. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters during 2020? (Check all that apply.) *

☐ At an Executive Committee Meeting

☐ At a Section Meeting

☐ In an Email

☒ In the Newsletter

☒ On the Local Section Website

☐ Other

4. Did your local section have a representative on your Regional Meeting Board or Steering Committee during 2020? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

5. How does the section's leadership communicate information to its members (including social media channels)?

a . General description of communication:

The Chemical Bulletin, Webpage, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Linked In, Email

b . How Often do these communications occur? Number of newsletters published:

10 Newsletters and social media is a daily/weekly thing.

c . How Often do these communications occur? Number of meeting notices:

There are 10 Meetings and we send out Email three times for each meeting

6. What social media does your local section use? (If selected, the link is required.)

☒ Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoACS.org/>

☒ Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/ChicagoACS.org/>

☒ LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/chicago-section-american-chem/>

☐ Snapchat

☐ TikTok

☒ Twitter

<https://www.twitter.com/ChicagoACS.org/>

☐ Other

7. Did your local section have a website during 2020? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

If the answer to above question is Yes, what was the URL for your local section's website?

<https://chicagoacs.org/>

8. Did your local section post its Annual Report on your website during 2020? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

Nomination

The Local Section (LS) Outstanding Performance (OP) ChemLuminary Award is given annually to a local section in each section size category by the Local Section Activities Committee. This award recognizes the most outstanding performance of a LS in a particular size category in supporting ACS, its section members, students, the public, the education enterprise, industry, other ACS sections, other professional societies, and partnering organizations. The review is based solely on the LS FORMS annual report (AR), considering primarily the summary self-nomination statement below and the summary descriptions contained within Events, Activities, and Meetings. Other performance indicators may include administrative (e.g. participation in elections) and financial (e.g. sound budgetary policy) aspects. Timely submission of your administration and financial forms is a major factor in the evaluation of your LS for the Outstanding Performance Award.

1. Our Section would like to self-nominate for the Local Section Outstanding Performance Award *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide a summary self-nomination statement of 500-word or less. The summary statement should highlight local section's 2020 activities to support your nomination.

COVID had a tremendous impact on the Chicago Section, which has a tradition of face-to-face dinner meetings at least once a month throughout the academic year and also hosting events at the State Fair with other sections during the summer. During 2020, we supported our members by holding our general and board meetings by Zoom. We also continued to enhance our Section newsletter: The Chemical Bulletin; a summary is attached because of its tremendous value to our members during this difficult year. Although we cancelled the March meeting, our ongoing virtual meetings actually showed improved attendance. For example, our April Zoom meeting, brought in over 100 participants, compared to a normal face-to-face meeting of 30-60! Our Gibbs Meeting had over 150 participants from around the world. Recognizing the need to meet face-to-face on a regular basis, we used our 2020 experience to learn how to improve a remote meeting experience for participants in the Section and beyond. 2020 was also special for the Section because: 1. It was our 125th birthday (1895-2020). We had planned for a big party but instead celebrated with a talk on "125 Years of Chemistry in Chicago" at our September meeting. 2. We reorganized our governance to improve communication, impact, and participation opportunity for our members in 2019. We updated our Bylaws accordingly. Our new Bylaws were approved in December and we now have begun in 2021 with the new operating structure completely operational. We are now organized into five divisions: Administration, Communication, Education & Outreach, Membership, and Science. Each division is chaired by an individual, who holds joint committee meetings to coordinate and refine joint functions. One committee that was particularly effective at this was the Communication Division. Prior to our new structure, one or two people were primarily in charge of all communication. Now a team spreads out the work with a program manager who facilitates communication to make sure that everyone has done their assignment. The process for posting information in a timely manner improved substantially in 2020 due to a much higher level of coordination. As a bonus, we now have more membership actively engaged. We are also improving the effectiveness of our office staff person, who by doing many of the routine tasks frees-up time for our member volunteers to focus on strategy, program, communications, and events. Our YCC and WCC groups had a particularly strong year with eight programs. These programs strengthened relationships with two student groups from outside the Section and were co-hosted with the St. Louis and Nashville Sections. These groups also did an outstanding job of promoting the National ACS Webinars appropriate for their constituents. An IPG facilitated our Outreach Committee as the first of three experimental kits/videos were distributed to 50 K-12 teachers for NCW. Once the schools had sent their students home due to the pandemic, CCEW handed out 3000 activity bags containing the CCEW magazine and some at-home activities/supplies while also posting videos online for parents and teachers to use for their kids.

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Summary - Chicago Section Newsletter - The Chemical Bulletin	2020-02-01 Chemical Bulletin - Annual Report.docx	15.39 KB	2/10/2021
Community Activities	2020 Community Activities Committee.docx	14 KB	2/14/2021
Overview of YCC activities	YCC overview.docx	12.89 KB	2/14/2021